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LETTER REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents,
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants' claim for priority was established within the declaration duly signed by the inventors and when the declaration was filed in the Patent Office on July 30, 2001. The examiner in an office action dated January 31, 2002 incorrectly stated that German document 198 41 459.5 had not been established as a priority document as it was not mentioned in the declaration. Counsel for applicants responded to the examiner's statement with regard to the establishment of priority in an amendment filed on May 2, 2002.

Applicants would like to reiterate that the document was indeed listed in the declaration and have attached another copy of the declaration together with the returned-receipt postcard to this correspondence. Furthermore, the priority document was filed in the Patent Office on October 14, 2003. Copies of the claim for priority, the cover page of the priority document and the returned-receipt postcard are also attached hereto.

In light of the foregoing, applicants request assurance from the examiner that the priority information is properly printed on the Letters Patent.

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Respectfully submitted,



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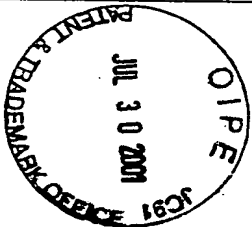
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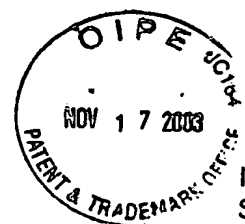
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CLAIM FOR PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

Claim is hereby made for a right of priority under Title 35, U.S. Code, Section 119, based upon the German Patent Application 198 41 459.5, filed September 10, 1998.

A certified copy of the above-mentioned foreign patent application is being submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Prioritätsbescheinigung über die Einreichung einer Patentanmeldung

Aktenzeichen: 198 41 459.5

Anmeldetag: 10. September 1998

Anmelder/Inhaber: Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, München/DE

Bezeichnung: Leiterplattenanordnung mit mehrpoligem Steckverbinder

IPC: H 05 K und H 01 R

Die Akte dieser Patentanmeldung ist ohne vorherige Offenlegung vernichtet worden.

München, den 22. September 2003
Deutsches Patent- und Markenamt
Der Präsident
Im Auftrag

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